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## **HUDGENS: OPERATION SAFE HOME COMES TO COLQUITT COUNTY**

**Atlanta** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph T. Hudgens today announced the continuation of his smoke alarm program **“Operation Safe Home”** in Colquitt County.

Commissioner Hudgens presented two dozen smoke alarms to Moultrie Fire Chief Kenny Hannon in a brief ceremony today at the Moultrie Fire Department.

Through Operation Safe Home, Commissioner Hudgens’ office provides free smoke alarms to Georgia citizens who otherwise would not be able to purchase them. The smoke alarms are purchased at no cost to taxpayers; funds raised in the private sector are used to purchase them. Through Operation Safe Home, over 165,000 free smoke alarms have been donated to needy citizens.

“Most fire fatalities occur in the home and most occur when people are sleeping,” Hudgens said. “Having a smoke alarm in your home can mean the difference between life and death. In fact, statistics consistently show that having a working smoke alarm in the house doubles your chance of getting out alive.”

Any individual or business interested in contributing to **Operation Safe Home** may call the Commissioner Hudgens’ Public Education Division at **404-657-0831**.

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